

**REMARKS**

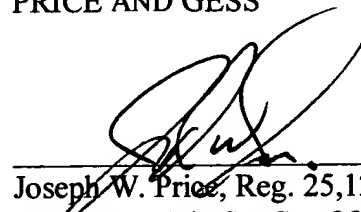
The amendments to the claims are to remove multiple dependencies.

Newly drafted Claim 6 is within the scope of the original invention and do not add any new subject matter.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

- 1           3.       (Amended) The carbonaceous refractory material in the first [or second] claim,  
2       where the X-ray diffraction peak intensity ratio of the face (200) of the  $\text{Ti}_3\text{O}_5$  to the face  
3       (111) of titanium carbide is 1 % or less.

New Claim 6 has been added.

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